

## Miller &amp; Rhoads

**To-Day**  
In observance of National Memorial Day  
Store Closes at one o'clock

TRAVELING MEN  
HERE NEXT WEEK

Grand Council, U. C. T., Will Be in Session for Three Days.

The Grand Council, United Commercial Travelers, for the Virginias, Kentucky, Maryland and the District of Columbia, will be in session in the Jefferson Hotel June 6, 7 and 8. Though tentative arrangements have as yet been made, it is expected that between 1,500 and 2,000 members and guests will be in attendance. The United Commercial Travelers is the only association in the United States composed entirely of traveling men or of men who have been on the road. One of the requirements for becoming a member of the order is that the applicant shall have carried a grip as representative of some reputable firm for a stated period of time. For this reason, as well as some others, it is considered one of the best conventions for the advancement of the city that has met here for some time.

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On the following day the convention, with its guests, will go on an all-day trip to Jamestown Island. The Old Dominion steamer Pocahontas has been chartered for the trip, and lunch will be served on board. The entertainment feature for the last day will be an automobile excursion to Lakeside Park, where lunch will be served on the grounds. The entertainment committee has planned some other features which have not yet been decided. Business sessions of the convention will be held in the early hours of each day and will be for the most part in executive session.

The convention is in charge of an executive board which consists of President, W. T. Shepherd; Secretary, Charles Wright; Chairman Transportation Committee, George T. Nelson; Chairman Entertainment Committee, C. L. Reid; Chairman Reception Committee, T. B. Aaron; Chairman Press Committee, Arthur Levy; Chairman Hotel Committee, John C. Goode; Chairman Ways and Means Committee, M. G. Wright; Chairman Souvenir and Badges Committee, T. S. Gibson.

## CENSUS COST BUT HALF CENT A HEAD

Cards Still Coming In, and Total Will Exceed 166,000.

Wide was the smile that decorated the faces of the finance committee of the Richmond religious census organization when they assembled yesterday afternoon in the Business Men's Club to itemize the expense of the successful movement of Tuesday.

According to an itemized report rendered, this tremendous undertaking was actually effected for \$729.23, which includes the cost of printing 70,000 records blank, the same number of invitation cards, stamps, stationery, stenographers and incidentals. In this general total is included the cost of Mr. Durham's services, the man who directed the successful accomplishment of the mammoth work.

By actual count, it cost less than 1/2 a cent per head to take the religious census of the 166,000 people in and around the city of Richmond. The cost per head is likely to be still further lowered, as cards continue to pour in from miles around the city, leading Mr. Durham and his assistants to believe that the original estimate of 166,000 people taken in by the census workers will be found less than the real number.

Although \$729.23 represents the total expense to date, it is believed by the finance committee, headed by John Garland Pollard, that it would be the part of wisdom to raise the sum of \$2,000 to make doubly sure of meeting all the bills incurred by the undertaking. The subscription of this amount will be left to the Sunday School Association of Richmond.

**SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND**  
1117 E. MAIN ST.  
Everybody should try and own his home. It makes him better and more independent. This bank will help you to do so.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

HAYWOOD IS NOT  
GOOD SOCIALIST

Candidate for President Deprecates Using Axe on Ballot Box.

In an address last night at Thompson's Hall, Arthur Reimer, of Massachusetts, the Socialist-Labor party nominee for President of the United States, repudiated William D. Haywood and all his works. This feature was not a part of his speech, but came in reply to a series of questions propounded by a member of the audience who belongs to the Socialist or Debs party.

"Haywood has nothing in common with our party," said Mr. Reimer. "He has seen fit to align himself with an organization which stands for the rule of the mob, and he has put himself before the people as a representative of some reputable firm for a stated period of time. For this reason, as well as some others, it is considered one of the best conventions for the advancement of the city that has met here for some time."

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

17 SILK-WORKERS  
WALKOUT OF MILLS

Claim That They Were Promised Pay of \$2.50 Per Day.

## OFFICIALS DENY STATEMENT

Virginia Silk Company Says There Is No Strike, and Plant Will Be Operated.

Seventeen of the twenty-four ribbon weavers employed by the Virginia Silk Company, at their plant in Twelve second and Decatur streets, South Richmond, yesterday quit work. The strike followed the refusal of the company to meet the demands of the men for an increase in their wages, which the men say are inadequate for the class of work done by them.

The strikers, for the most part, are from Pennsylvania, and are all skilled workers at their trade. They were induced to claim, to come to South Richmond under a guarantee of \$2.50 a day. Instead of getting this amount, not a man, it is stated, received more than \$1.50 a day until two weeks ago, when the company, after complaints by the men, raised the wages to \$2 a day.

Yesterday the men, before beginning the day's work, held a meeting and decided to send a committee to the proper officials of the company with a demand for more money. This was done, and on the refusal of the company to meet the demands, the committee withdrew and called out the men. All, with the exception of seven, who are from Hagerstown, Md., and are in sympathy with the strikers, obeyed the summons. They immediately left the plant and walked to Holly Springs, where for several hours they discussed the situation and laid their plans, which, they say, allow no surrender.

No Strike, Officials Say. Manager W. M. Par, of the company, yesterday stated that there was no strike at the plant. "It is simply a case of a few men getting dissatisfied and quitting," he said. He pointed out the fact that the factory was still in operation, although somewhat crippled by the loss of the men. He is determined to continue the work without a halt and is confident that the men will be glad to come back to work, although the strikers are equally as confident that there will be no desertions from their ranks and say that some of the other employees of the plant are in sympathy with them.

Regarding the guarantee which the men claim was made, an official of the company yesterday denied that any other than a promise of steady work was made. Upon examination of the correspondence of one of the strikers this was found to be true, the letter simply saying that the company did not desire the services of a man unable to make \$2.50 a day. The men receiving the letters jumped at the conclusion that this amount was guaranteed, and are accusing the company of sharp work in inducing them to come to a plant where it is impossible, they say, with the existing conditions and scale of wages, to make a decent living.

Although not belonging to any labor organization, the men will seek the aid of the Central Trades Council in adjusting their affairs. Many have just paid their money for long railroad trips and are in no condition financially to stand a prolonged fight.

FOUR CITIES PLAY  
FOR WHIST TROPHY

Richmond, Washington, Norfolk and Baltimore Teams Playing Whist for Prize.

The Four-City Whist League, consisting of teams from this city, Washington, Baltimore and Norfolk, began their annual tournament at Murphy's Hotel last night. One match game was played last night, and two more, deciding the contest, will be played to-day, the first being called at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and another at 1:30 in the afternoon. The Howell system is being played, and the silver trophy, which is now in possession of the Baltimore club, is on exhibition at Murphy's Hotel.

Though the figures had not been added up at a late hour last night, it was said that Richmond was well ahead of the game, and had a good chance of coming out winner in the contest, in which event the trophy will be left in this city.

The following compose the Richmond team: Edmunds and W. P. Wood, Colonel Murphy and Spence, Knox and James E. Cannon, Anderson and W. M. Cannon, A. Brockenborough and Robins, Dr. Meyer and Fred Valentine.

Mr. McIlroy, of Baltimore, was elected president for the ensuing year; Mr. Valentine, of this city, vice-president, and Mr. McIlroy, of Washington, secretary.

County Marriage License. License to marry was issued yesterday by Clerk S. J. Waddell, of the Henrico County Circuit Court, to Joseph M. Wilson and Virginia Long, both of Henrico.

## We Endeavor

to be more than a mere depository for your money—a depository for your CONFIDENCE—an institution from which you can draw advice and counsel as well as financial support.

**American National Bank**  
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SECURITY AND SERVICE,  
backed by resources of  
SEVEN MILLION AND A HALF.

CITY TO HONOR  
SOLDIER DEAD

General Suspension of Business to Mark Memorial Day.

## BATTLE FLAG TO FLY AGAIN

Mayor Richardson to Make Address in Hollywood This Afternoon.

Memorial exercises will be held in Hollywood Cemetery this afternoon following which the battle flag of the Confederacy, furlled at Appomattox, will be raised over the graves of the Confederates' President and the 12,000 colored men buried on the slopes of the historic cemetery. A military parade will precede the exercises, and the address in Hollywood will be delivered by Mayor D. C. Richardson.

A flag staff sixty-five feet in height is being erected in the soldier's section, as the gift of Mrs. David B. Taylor, Miss Mazie Taylor, and E. D. Taylor, and it will be hoisted to-day, and daily hereafter a Confederate battle flag, the gift of Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, president of the Hollywood Memorial Association, a memorial to Dr. William C. Taylor and David B. Taylor, Confederate soldiers, who enlisted in Norfolk in 1861, and surrendered at Appomattox, brothers of E. D. Taylor of this city.

The military parade preceding the exercises in the cemetery will be under command of General J. Thompson Brown, who has named as his chief of staff Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, of the First Virginia Regiment, and will move from Fifth and Franklin streets at 4:30 P. M., the line of March being Westward along Franklin Street to Laurel, south along Laurel to Floyd Avenue, west on Floyd Avenue to Cherry Street, and south on Cherry Street to Hollywood. The column will form at 4 o'clock, and move promptly at 4:30.

In the line will be the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, under command of Major E. W. Bowles, the First Battalion, First Virginia Regiment, under command of Major Lawrence T. Price, and the Richmond Howitzers, just returned from an all-day march through the country, under command of Captain William M. Myers.

The cadets of the Benedictine College will make their first public appearance in the line of march this afternoon, and there will also be several companies of Boy Scouts from the various churches. Following the military parade, the First Virginia Regiment, under command of Major Lawrence T. Price, and the Richmond Howitzers, just returned from an all-day march through the country, under command of Captain William M. Myers.

In Hollywood the exercises will be presided over by the Rev. J. B. Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and will be followed by the raising of the battle flag over the host of the dead, after which the usual salute of cannon will be given and taps will be sounded.

A committee of the Hollywood Memorial Association is collecting flowers for decoration of the graves of soldiers. Chief Werner detailed yesterday as the police escort of the parade the entire mounted squad, in charge of Sergeant R. E. Lee, and the collection of flowers will also be made along the line of march and in the cemetery.

For the past two days the city has lent the aid of its hands and carts in preparing the soldiers section for the annual exercises. Special wreaths have been prepared for decoration of the graves of President Jefferson Davis, of the Confederate States, and of Miss Winnie Davis; the graves of General J. E. B. Stuart, Commodore Matthew F. Maury, General George E. Pickett, General John Smith, General Henry A. Wise, former Governor of Virginia; James A. Seddon, Confederate Secretary of War; General John R. Cooke, General W. H. Stevens, General John Pegram, John M. Daniel, the war editor of the Richmond Examiner; Thomas Ritchie, founder of the Richmond Enquirer, and many others. Large quantities of flowers have been sent here from all sections of the country for decoration of the graves of the private soldiers from many sections.

A General Holiday. "Decorations Day" and a legal and general holiday, all banks will be closed to-day, the post-office will observe special hours, and most of the business houses of the city will close by mid-day. The State Capitol, City Hall and other public buildings will be closed in honor of the day.

Banks Close To-Day. All the city banks announced at the closing hour yesterday that the doors would not be opened to-day in honor of Memorial Day exercises, and all their employees will enjoy holiday. A great number of the young men employed in the offices of the various military organizations, and will take part in the Memorial Day parade, closed their doors at the usual hour to-morrow morning.

Children who desire to enter the contest are advised to report on Monday morning for their fly-swatters. While this will be the official instrument of the campaign, each contestant will be permitted to supplement it with any kind of trap or swatter, and the contest will be held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The closing date should have been given as June 17. The contest will be on two weeks, and will begin Monday morning, June 3, at 7 o'clock. Fly-swatters and papers for the contest to collect dead flies will be furnished free of charge to all contestants at the Times-Dispatch business office, beginning next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

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STUART MCGUIRE  
FIGHTS SWATTERS

President of University College of Medicine Indorses War Upon Pest.

## BLAMES BAD HORSE STABLE

Expects Chief Fly Breeder to Disappear by More Common Use of Auto.

## Rules of Contest

Contest opens June 3, 7 A. M., and closes June 17, 5 P. M. It is open to every child in the city of Richmond or suburbs, white or colored, who is not more than sixteen years old.

Cash prizes will be awarded to children killing and turning in the largest number of flies, as follows: White children—First prize, \$25; second prize, \$15; third prize, \$10; fourth prize, \$5; and ten prizes of \$1 each, \$10.

Colored children—First prize, \$20; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5; and ten prizes of \$1 each—total, \$45.

Fly swatters and paper bags in which to place dead flies, furnished free of charge to all applicants at The Times-Dispatch business office, Main Street, beginning 10 A. M. Monday, June 3.

Flies may be trapped, swatted, poisoned or caught in any way except with fly-paper.

Flies to be delivered to office of Health Department, fourth floor of City Hall, every week between 4 P. M. and 6 P. M., and Saturday from 11 A. M. to 12 noon. No deliveries on Sunday.

Paper bags containing dead flies must bear name, age and address of contestant. Two or more children may combine or form clubs, provided the entry is made in one child's name.

All questions or disputes to be submitted to contest committee, the decision of which will be final.

(Signed), N. D. SILLS, E. G. WILLIAMS, M. D., C. C. HUSTON, M. D., Contest Committee, Citizens' Fly Extermination Ass'n.

"The Times-Dispatch is to be congratulated upon the campaign it has inaugurated for the extermination of the fly," said Dr. Stuart McGuire, president of the University College of Medicine, yesterday. "Richmond has been needing just such a movement for a long time. We need a general cleaning up, and this swat-the-fly campaign is going to lead the way."

"Like the mosquito, which received its death sentence from the canal builders," said Dr. McGuire, "the fly will before long be abhorred by every household as an unclean and dangerous pest. Science has declared it to be a menace, and medical men everywhere unite in ordering its extermination."

"The fly is a great evil as a carrier of disease," continued Dr. McGuire. "Unlike the mosquito, which infects by direct inoculation, the fly accomplishes the same end by depositing its deadly organisms gathered from their breeding places upon human food."

"This is one of the reasons that I believe the automobile will greatly simplify the fly problem. No horses and no horse stables, no flies."

"I think the fly-swatter contest will prove of great benefit in crystallizing public sentiment against the maintenance of any nuisance which breeds flies, and in teaching the children that a fly is to be ruthlessly destroyed like a snake."

Through an error in printing the paper yesterday it was incorrectly announced that the fly-swatter contest would last from June 3 to June 14. The closing date should have been given as June 17. The contest will be on two weeks, and will begin Monday morning, June 3, at 7 o'clock. Fly-swatters and papers for the contest to collect dead flies will be furnished free of charge to all contestants at the Times-Dispatch business office, beginning next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

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## Holeproof Hose

Guaranteed against holes for six-months. Makes daring unnecessary and the feet comfortable. All colors in summer weights of cotton, lisle, and silk, for men, women and children.

## Gans-Rady Company

STATE TAKES CARE  
OF HER CREDITORS

Buy Bonds With Money From Treasury to Augment Sinking Fund.

Under the terms of the act which covers the contract between the State and her creditors, the sum of money required for the sinking fund is being regularly paid and is used to purchase and retire bonds. Acting under its provisions, Second Auditor Roosevelt Pugh on yesterday bought \$12,000 of Virginia century bonds, paying 85% therefor.

The act specified that, beginning in 1910, there should be paid annually into the sinking fund from the State treasury a sum equal to 1/2 of 1 per cent. of the entire century issue and the same percentage of the outstanding bonds of the Riddleberger issue. For the appropriation years, 1910-1911 and 1911-1912, this sum, amounting to a fraction less than \$120,000 the year, was regularly paid for the purpose assigned. Beginning the present appropriation year, on March 1, Second Auditor Pugh and the other members of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners agreed that the money should be paid from the treasury monthly, at the rate of \$10,000 a month. This has already given the Second Auditor \$30,000 this year, and he is looking for bonds at the most advantageous rates offered.

Beginning with 1906, when for the first time it was required by law that bonds so purchased should be cancelled and retired, but that interest on them should continue to be paid to the commissioners, a total of \$1,674,000 has been bought and retired.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the office of the clerk of the Hustings Court: Robert L. Davis, of New Kent county, Va., and Bette E. Tuck, of this city; James D. Darton, of Orange, Va., and Mary Eleanor Lee, of this city.

## OFFER MARL TO STATE

Deposits of Old Oyster Shells at Claremont and to Water Purposes.

Representatives of the Southern Railway were at the Capitol yesterday attempting to interest Commissioner of Agriculture Keiser in immense deposits of shells marl at Claremont, in Surry county. This material, it was stated, will fully comply with the provision of the convict lime grinding act, which specifies oyster shells, since the marl is said to be almost entirely composed of such shells and to grade a high percentage of lime, with considerable phosphoric acid.

It is, of course, the wish of the Southern Railway to locate this State grinding plant on its line, and it proposes to offer the land and marl at a low price.

## MORE OLD MANUSCRIPTS

Ten Discovered Offered in Catalogue of State Librarian H. B. McIlwaine.

In receipt of the catalogue for the third sale of manuscripts in New York from the collection supposed to contain many that should be the property of Virginia. Ten manuscripts have been found and listed there to which, Mr. McIlwaine will make claim. There were eighty-four in the first sale and seventeen in the second. Those in charge of the sale willingly set aside the articles demanded by this State, to await the action of the legislature.

The arbitrators have not as yet been appointed to take the matter up.

## Agricultural Students Here.

The senior class in agriculture at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, under the charge of Professor Stewart, visited the Capitol yesterday, viewing the agricultural museum. They had been visiting the truck experiment station near Norfolk.

## Education Board Meets To-Day.

The State Board of Education will meet in its assembly hall at the Capitol at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Not even a division superintendent is to be elected at this meeting, and it is stated the business will be entirely of a routine character.

## New Laws Printed.

Clerk John W. Williams, of the House of Delegates, expects to have the new Acts of Assembly ready for the public by the end of this week. While the number of new laws is smaller than at the session of 1910, they make a larger volume, due to the greater average length of the acts. In 1912 the new acts number 249, against 367 in 1910, while this year's book will have 657 pages, against 550 two years ago.

## Dixie's Birthday Monday.

One Virginia law which is practically nonoperative is that designed to honor the birthday of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States. Under an act passed on March 7, 1900, the public schools are required to close at noon on June 4. Inasmuch as hardly a school in the State is in operation so late, the law is of no effect. It is also required that on that day the flag of the Commonwealth shall be hoisted over the Capitol. This is attended to each year, and will be done next Monday.

HIS EXIT BLOCKED  
BY HUGE BLACK CAT

Restaurant Patron Makes His Escape From Balcony by Means of Stepladder.

Probably no superstition is more widespread nor more deep seated than that respecting a black cat, but patrons of a well-known downtown restaurant were treated to a new experience last night when a customer refused to leave the place until some way was provided to prevent his crossing the trail of the cat.

The restaurant in question has a balcony surrounding its main dining room, providing a quiet retreat for small parties, and no attention was attracted when one of the balcony tables was taken by a well-known Richmond business man and his companion. A half hour later a flustered waiter brought to the proprietor the following note:

"I am neither drinking nor drunk—but I'm powerful superstitious about a black cat. The cat has crossed my path up here, and I cannot get by without crossing the point he passed. I told the boy that I would give him a dollar if he would place a step-ladder so that I could come down and go out on the first floor. Hope that you will grant me this favor."

The proprietor was accommodating, the ladder was procured, and the waiter earned his dollar, to the huge amusement of other guests who witnessed the descent from the balcony of the superstitious one with scarcely concealed merriment.

Bermuda and Return,  
\$35 UP.

Richmond Transfer Co.  
809 East Main Street.

## Virginia Theatre

711 EAST BROAD STREET,  
NOW OPEN

Motion Pictures exclusively, catering especially to ladies and children. The coolest place in Richmond. Perfectly ventilated and lighted. Only approved pictures shown. High class in every particular. Pictures changed daily.

It is Unnecessary  
and Unreasonable

In these days of modern ways to